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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE - MOBUTU U.S. VISIT

1. MOBUTU'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO KINSHASA AFTER U.S. TRIP-
40 KM MOTORCADE, DANCING, FLOWERS, ETC - COUPLE WITH 43RD
BIRTHDAY PLAUDITS AND MID-EAST SCENE DOMINATED ZAIRIAN PRESS
THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

2. "SALONGO" OF OCT 15 FOUND ROOM, HOWEVER, TO PUBLISH FULL
PAGES OF PHOTOS ON PAGE 20 - "THE HEAD OF STATE IN UNITED STATES".
SELECTION OF PHOTOS, ACCREDITED TO THE VOICE OF ZAIRE, INCLUDES
MOBUTU "RECEIVING THE SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER," AND "PRESIDENTIAL
COUPLE GREETED ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON BY THE ZAIROIS
COLONY," AND MOBUTU CHATTING WITH MCNAMARA OF WORLD BANK.

3. OF MORE SIGNIFICANT INTEREST WAS OCTOBER 13 "SALONGO"
PAGE 3 BOLD HEADLINES CONTAINING ACCUSATION BY THE MIDEAST
PRESS AGENCY THAT AMERICAN PHANTOMS "HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
THE BOMBARDMENT OF EGYPTIAN POSITIONS." BUT STORY BENEATH
HEADLINE IS MINISCULE AND SIMPLY REPEATS CHARGE.

4. THOUGH IMMEDIATELY DENIED IN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY
USIS LATE SATURDAY (DAY OF PUBLICATION OF STORY), NO FOLLOW-UP
STORY EVIDENT IN ZAIRE PRESS AS OF OCTOBER 15; WE WILL, OF COURSE,
BE AWARE OF ANY FUTURE MENTION OF UNSUBSTANTIATED CHARGE OR
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